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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kouji SHIRAHASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1754

Serial No.: 09/699,373

Examiner: Timothy C. Vanoy

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For: PROCESS FOR DESULFURIZATION OF EXHAUST GAS WITH SEAWATER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.121

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 24, 2003

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 26, 2003. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Please amend the application as follows: